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*Carnahan is a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee of jurisdiction for H. Con. Res. 104.*

(WASHINGTON, DC) -- Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) has introduced H. Con. Res. 104, a bi-partisan resolution calling for the U.S. to participate in international agreements that address global climate change. Carnahan will attend the St. Louis Earth Day Festival on Sunday, speaking on the importance of environmental issues and the need to address global climate change.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has recently released a report that concluded that many natural systems are being affected by regional climate changes, based on evidence from all continents and most oceans. It outlined the devastating consequences of global warming and its effects on agriculture, water supply, human health and society in general due to weather, climate, and sea changes.

**"Scientific reports have described the effects of climate changes on weather systems worldwide. Even in the midst of widespread suffering from events like Hurricane Katrina, the Administration has failed to act to address the causes of these phenomena," Carnahan said. "We must take responsibility for influencing climate change, and our nation must take the lead on an issue that has been woefully neglected."**

This legislation calls on the Administration to participate in negotiations under the United Nations Convention on Climate Change, and expresses the sense of Congress that the U.S. should begin addressing the issue of global warming on an international level.

It specifically calls for the U.S. to take part in agreements that achieve a significant long-term reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions by securing mitigation commitments from *all* major greenhouse gas emitting countries. While the U.S. is the largest emitter of greenhouse

gases, developing countries' emissions are rising more rapidly than those in the U.S. and therefore must contribute to the emissions reduction effort.

**"The new Democratic Congress has organized multiple hearings on this issue, and as a member of the Committee on Science, I have heard expert testimony detailing the consequences of global climate change. My bill is an important first step towards legislatively addressing this problem, and I remain committed to working in a bi-partisan way to reduce the harmful effects of global climate change," Carnahan said.**